

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims as shown in the Amendment filed July 26, 2005 should have included the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims), as set forth below.

1. (Currently mended) A multi-media gaming printer comprising:

a print module comprising:

a thermal card read/write head comprising a thermal write head and an optical read head;

[[two]] one or more additional heads, each head for reading and writing a different type of card, the ~~two or more~~ additional heads selected from the group including ~~a thermal card read/write head comprising a thermal write head and an optical read head;~~ a magnetic strip card read/write head[[,]] and a smart card connector; and

a single media drive adapted to couple a card inserted into the multi-media gaming printer to ~~each of the~~ thermal card read/write head and the one or more additional heads; and

a controller coupled to the ~~two or more~~ thermal card read/write head and the one or more additional heads and the single media drive, the controller adapted to manipulate ~~detect the type of~~ the inserted card using the ~~read~~ capabilities of the ~~two or more~~ thermal card read/write head and the one or more additional heads.

2. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, the single media drive further comprising an articulated media drive adjustable to accommodate media with various thicknesses.

3. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, further comprising a media magazine coupled to the controller and operable to receive and transmit media from and to the print module.

4. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 3, the media magazine further comprising a media quantity sensor.

5. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 3, the media magazine further comprising a read/write media information memory.

6. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ multi-media gaming printer of ~~Claim 1~~, further comprising:

a print module comprising:

two or more heads, each head for reading and writing a different type of card, the two or more heads selected from the group including a thermal card read/write head comprising a thermal write head and an optical read head, a magnetic strip card read/write head, and a smart card connector;

a single media drive adapted to couple a card inserted into the multi-media gaming printer to each of the heads; and

a controller coupled to the two or more heads and the single media drive, the controller adapted to manipulate the inserted card using the capabilities of the two or more heads;

a media cleaner; and

a media cleanliness interrogator.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, further comprising a media motion sensor.

9. (Currently amended) A The multi-media gaming printer ~~of Claim 2~~, further comprising

a print module comprising:

two or more heads, each head for reading and writing a different type of card, the two or more heads selected from the group including a thermal card read/write head comprising a thermal write head and an optical read head, a magnetic strip card read/write head, and a smart card connector; and

a single articulated media drive adapted to couple a card inserted into the multi-media gaming printer to each of the heads; and

a controller coupled to the two or more heads and the single media drive,
the controller adapted to manipulate the inserted card using the capabilities of the
two or more heads; and

an embossing sensor, the controller further adapted to retract one or more of the heads away from the inserted card using the articulated media drive if embossing is detected.

10. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, further comprising an external communication port.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, the print module further comprising a capacitance security feature head adapted to read a capacitor structure in the inserted card, the capacitor structure comprising conductive inks .

13. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 1, the print module further comprising a radio frequency sensor security feature head adapted to read radio waves generated by radio frequency resonators embedded in the inserted card .

14. (Withdrawn) A method of operating a multi-media gaming printer comprising:

receiving by the multi-media gaming printer a card;

determining by the multi-media gaming printer if the card should be placed in escrow; and

moving by the multi-media gaming printer the card into an escrow location if the card should be placed in escrow.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 14, wherein determining if the card should be placed in escrow further comprises:

determining the type of the card;

attempting to perform a read operation on the card, the read operation according to the type of the card; and

determining that the card should be placed in escrow if the read operation fails.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 14, wherein:

the multi-media gaming printer comprises a media storage device; and

moving by the multi-media gaming printer the card into an escrow location further comprises moving the card into the media storage device.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 14, wherein the multi-media gaming printer comprises a media storage device, the method further comprising replacing an escrowed card with a viable card from the media storage device.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 14, wherein moving the card into an escrow location further comprises:

determining the type of the card; and
erasing the card according to the type of the card.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 14, wherein determining if the card should be placed in escrow further comprises:

performing the following if the multi-media gaming printer determines that the card comprises write once media:

determining the number of times the card has been written to; and
determining that the card should be placed into escrow if the number of times the card has been written to exceeds a threshold value.

20. (Withdrawn) A method of operating a multi-media gaming printer comprising:

receiving a card by the multi-media gaming printer;
determining by the multi-media gaming printer if the card should be cleaned; and
cleaning the card by the multi-media gaming printer if the card should be cleaned.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 20, wherein determining if the card should be cleaned further comprises scanning the card optically to detect optical read failures.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 20, wherein cleaning the card further comprises passing the card one or more times through a cleaning device by the multi-media gaming printer.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of operating a multi-media gaming printer of Claim 20, further comprising replacing the card with a viable card if cleaning the card fails.

24. (Currently amended) A multi-media gaming printer comprising:
a print module for manipulating cards comprising different types of media,
the print module comprising:

a thermal card read/write head comprising a thermal write head and
an optical read head;

~~a first head for manipulating a first type of card;~~

a second head for manipulating a second type of card, wherein the
second type of card is not a thermal card ~~the first type of card and the
second type of card being different card types;~~ and

a single media drive adapted to couple a card inserted into the multi-media gaming printer to each of the heads; and

a controller for controlling the print module, the controller adapted to ~~manipulate~~ detect the type of the an inserted card using the ~~read~~ capabilities of the ~~two or more~~ thermal card read/write head and the second head[[s]].

25. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, the single media drive further comprising an articulated media drive for accommodating media with various thicknesses.

26. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising a media magazine for storage of media and for receiving and transmitting media from and to the print module.

27. (Currently amended) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 26, the media magazine further comprising a sensor for sensing ~~sending~~ a quantity of media stored in the media magazine.

28. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 26, the media magazine further comprising a memory for storage of information about media stored in the media magazine.

29. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ multi-media gaming printer ~~of Claim 24,~~ further comprising:

a print module for manipulating cards comprising different types of media, the print module comprising:

a first head for manipulating a first type of card;

a second head for manipulating a second type of card, the first type of card and the second type of card being different card types; and

a single media drive adapted to couple a card inserted into the multi-media gaming printer to each of the heads;

a cleaner for cleaning media inserted into the gaming multi-media printer;

and

a sensor for determining the cleanliness of media inserted into the gaming multi-media printer; and

a controller for controlling the print module, the controller adapted to manipulate the inserted card using the heads.

30. (Canceled).

31. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising a sensor for detecting the motion of media within the multi-media gaming printer.

32. (Currently amended) A multi-media gaming printer comprising:

a print module for manipulating cards comprising different types of media, the print module comprising:

a first head for manipulating a first type of card;
a second head for manipulating a second type of card, the first type
of card and the second type of card being different card types; and
a single articulated media drive adapted to couple a card inserted
into the multi-media gaming printer to each of the heads and to
accommodate media with various thicknesses;
a sensor for sensing embossing on a card inserted into the
multi-media gaming printer
a controller for controlling the print module, the controller adapted
to manipulate an inserted card using the heads and to retract one or more of
the heads away from the inserted card using the articulated media drive if
embossing is detected

~~The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 25, further comprising a sensor for sensing embossing on a card inserted into the multi-media gaming printer, the controller further adapted to retract one or more of the heads away from the inserted card using the articulated media drive if embossing is detected.~~

33. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising an external port for communicating with an external device.

34. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, further comprising a capacitance security feature head adapted for reading a security feature of a card comprising a capacitor structure of conductive inks.

35. (Previously presented) The multi-media gaming printer of Claim 24, the print module further comprising a radio frequency sensor security feature head adapted to read radio waves generated by radio frequency resonators embedded in the inserted card.

36. (Currently amended) The multi-media gaming printer of any of Claims 24 to 29 and 31 to 35, the ~~first head and~~ second head selected from the group including a ~~thermal card read/write head comprising a thermal write head and an optical read head~~, a magnetic strip card read/write head[[,]] and a smart card connector.